

Minutes for Northfield's Recreation Board
Thursday, October 5, 2006
6:00 p.m. Northfield Municipal Offices

- 1.) Call meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Attending Dan DiLena, Lori Bussiere, Linda Hall, Laurie Baroffio, Frank Hall, Lisa DiLena.
- 2.) Approval of minutes from September 18, 2006 meeting with changes of meeting to minutes, eliminate the rec board from attending the meeting with Charity, under treasurer's report replace motion with suggestion, motion made by Frank, 2nd by Linda, vote passed 6-0.
- 3.) Public participation- Laurie Baroffio was in attendance as requested by the board to go over budget and try to bring us up to speed. Pool budget comes over a 2 year fiscal period. Many question were put on the table....guards hours at the pool, Red Cross water ratio of life guards to swimmers, pay scales for life guards, increase yearly for returning life guards, paying for hours of shut down, Liability of pool for private parties, rates and procedures for private parties, toilet rental,

electricity and water and sewer bills- being so high (water and sewer become inactive when not in use (Sept to May)), Should we try to approach both boards to try and lower charges, use of mountain water (reported too many frogs)

concessions- start up money, (last year Nanci Allard allowed Shannon to take it out of her own money and then repay herself), no expenditures or revenue ran thru Laurie's office, recommended to address this issue and run all funds thru Municipal office

donation account- stays there and rolls over from year to year, not available for other organizations to use

phone at pool- who's responsible to notify telephone company to activate and shut off at end of summer, usually has a block on it no long distance calls, question of number of lines and phones at the pool

hotdog fund raiser- uncertain of success or profit use,? new life jackets?

Things that Laurie could use- # of guards, # of hours, # of people on duty

Budget timeline- beginning of Nov. report from committee , mid Nov. meetings start, done by Christmas, formal budget vote January. Worksheet mailed out from Laurie mid October to Department heads

Advice from Laurie....good facilities, encourages more use of them and to consider a bike path potential

Numerous handouts of this summers accounts for the pool, purchases and staff hours with wages.

Linda left 7:40 p.m.

Board request for Shannon Palone to attend as well was not possible as it was thought that Shannon had surgery earlier in the day and was not available. Lisa to try and contact Shannon to setup a time to discuss pool budget and needs (secretary note- this is correct Shannon had surgery Thursday).

- 4.) Treasurer's report- "working on budget"
- 5.) Old Business- update on Charity and the Boundless Playgrounds, Charity with Sally and Lisa to go before the Select board on Monday night, Charity has been in touch with boundless playgrounds with a tech and using all available resources to write this essay. Charity has also found another give away being offered by Hamburger Helper- helping hands, \$15,000 a month until next summer, enter once and you are automatically re-entered each month if you don't win. Policy and Procedures to be addressed after budget, keep a list of issues to be addressed
- 6.) New Business- (secretaries note- I missed this.....any suggestions?)
- 7.) Round Table-a.) Mike – policies and procedures(Mike unable to attend)
 - b.) Dan (Sally and Dan meet previously with Bill Lyons due to Fire meeting conflicts)- pool filter completely taken care of by Bill Lyons, maintenance position 1 part-time person only, telephone to pool 1 line, use of pool for ice skating- Bill against it but will check into it, CIP- \$2672.22 for backstop, \$1234.72 in equipment/facilities repairs, \$511.25 for new pool vacuum,

Lisa- reported on Montpelier outdoor skating on pool, spoke with Don Lorinovich at 225-8691, pool made of asphalt, leave water in it wait until it is ready then open up to the public, drain pool in spring and clean, repaint every other year, ice area open 24/7 with lights until 9:00 p.m., Montpelier budget \$752,000.00- sponsor licensed day camp, admission fees, special events.

There is also a Central Vermont Rec. Group that meets once or twice a year and Lisa has been added to the list of contacts. Don is willing to come and speak with us at anytime and advise or help in anyway. Familiar with some grants available and willing to help with the prep from them as well.

c.) Linda's and Lisa's letter and questionnaire....motion made by Dan to approve with changes...delete part with Rotary calendar (letter) and registration required? (questionnaire), 2nd by Frank, passed 5-0.

- 8.) Next Meeting- October 11, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. at Municipal building for Butch Greenslit grant presentation Sally and Frank. October 17, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. at Municipal building for Paul Clayton public skating facility Dan and Lori. October 23, Monday, 6:00 p.m. at municipal office for budget all members to attend.
- 9.) Adjournment at 8:34 p.m. motion made by Dan, 2nd by Frank passed unanimously